

**PROVIDER UPDATE
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES****PROVIDER NOTICE 12.08.04 – 004**➤ **CLINICAL NOTES:**

- Over 250,000 Unisys PA records were converted to the First Health system. These records were converted as designated “types” of PAs (coverage, dosage, etc.). PA records for the following drugs have been modified to reflect extended duration. This system modification was made today (12/8) at 4:45 p.m., ET. The list of drugs follows:
 - Aciphex
 - Nexium
 - Prevacid
 - Prilosec—Rx
 - Protonix
 - Pegylated Interferon Alfa
 - Codeine with Acetaminophen
 - Codeine with Aspirin
 - Hydrocodone with Acetaminophen
 - Hydrocodone with Aspirin
 - Oxycodone with Acetaminophen
 - Oxycodone with Aspirin
 - Lorazepam
 - Ambien (PA required if \geq 65 years old and 60 days/ year exceeded; PA required if $<$ 65)
 - Sonata (PA required if \geq 65 years old and 60 days/ year exceeded; PA required if $<$ 65)
 - In some cases where you are receiving a “Prior Authorization” message it is because the quantity or duration of therapy for that drug has been exceeded. For example, a prior authorization is required if **more than 30 Lipitor™ tablets** within a 30-day period is required. Contact First Health for prior authorization consideration.
 - To be in compliance with state requirement, **BRAND name drugs** that are interchangeable based on the FDA Orange Book will require prior auth to be dispensed.
 - **Prevacid** requires prior authorization as recommended by the P&T committee. Distribution supplies of Prilosec OTC have been addressed by Proctor and Gamble and any pharmacy that need the product should contact Proctor and Gamble
 - The grandfathering of anti-hypertensives has been accomplished under Unisys and is no longer applicable. Pharmacies needing a prior auth for anti-hypertensive should submit the request to First Health using the appropriate PA form.
- **GROUP/ID:** The GROUP ID (NCPDP field #301-C1) is always KYMEDICAID. This value must be present for all KY MEDICAID claims. **This continues to be an issue, please ensure that the appropriate Group ID is being submitted!**